

School's Out!



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SUMMER MEALS NEWSLETTER

Upcoming USDA and Partner Event

Community Food: Investing in the Future

October 12, 2017

3:30 PM ET

Presented by National Good
Food Network

Using Outreach and Events to Build Programs

October 19, 2017

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Presented by Food, Research &
Action Center (FRAC)

Summer Meals Matter call- Maximizing Summer Meal Service Days

November 2, 2017

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Presented by Food, Research &
Action Center (FRAC)



What's New

New Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based tool.

Check out the Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW)! This tool helps program operators determine the meal pattern contribution for their recipes! You can now easily search for creditable ingredients, calculate the meal pattern contribution, and print a contribution statement. Stay tuned for more upcoming releases related to the FBG which includes a downloadable version and a Mobile App!

Share our Strength Youth Engagement Toolkit:

Share our Strength offers tools that can be used to engage youth and encourage action to address childhood hunger.



Wrapping up Summer 2017

1. The **Turnip the Beet Awards** recognize outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. Check with your State agency to see if they are participating in Turnip the Beet this year!
2. Ensure all claims for reimbursement have been filed
3. Review unserved and underserved areas near current sites. Recruit sites to these areas of need.



Summer Meals Study **Comment Request**

USDA FNS invites general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. The purpose of the Summer Meals Study is for the Food and Nutrition Service to understand the facilitators and barriers to program implementation, perceived benefits and challenges for sponsor and site participation, nutritional quality of meals served, parental awareness, factors influencing child participation, and experience with the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option.



Prepare by Summer 2018 by doing the following!

- ☐ Sign up for any upcoming trainings from your State agency.
- ☐ Make sure you know upcoming deadlines.
- ☐ Set participation goals for 2018 and plan how you will accomplish them.
- ☐ Reflect on the service provided by your vendor. Ensure the food was well-received.

